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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 7156

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, MASS, KE, FR
SUBJECT: GOK DELEGATION TO FRANCE EXPECTED

1. ACCORDING FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR, ON AGAIN-OFF AGAIN
HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO FRANCE NOW EXPECTED LATE JUNE OR
EARLY JULY.

2. SCHEDULED MARCH VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MOI-LED DELEGATION,
WHICH VISITED WASHINGTON, LONDON AND BONN, HAD BEEN POST-
PONED AT FRENCH REQUEST BECAUSE OF IMPENDING ELECTIONS.

VISIT INITIALLY POSTPONED TO EARLY MAY BUT POSTPONED AGAIN
AT LAST MINUTE AT GOK REQUEST. WHILE REASON FOR THIS NOT
CERTAIN, IT LIKELY THAT TENUOUS HEALTH OF PRESIDENT KENYATTA
IMPORTANT OR MAJOR FACTOR. GOF WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE
LATEST GOK REQUEST FOR MOI DELEGATION TO BE RECEIVED LATE
JUNE OR EARLY JULY, BUT DATES NOT YET FIRM.

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3. ACCORDING FRENCH EMBASSY, GOF FULLY EXPECTS
REQUEST FOR ARMS ON CREDIT TERMS.

4. COMMENT: IT LIKELY THAT GOK WILL CARRY TO PARIS
USUAL SHOPPING LIST OF SOPHISTICATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT
WHICH IT TOOK TO WASHINGTON, LONDON AND BONN. AS

FRENCH EQUIPMENT NOW IN KENYAN INVENTORY INCLUDES
HELICOPTERS (GAZELLE AND PUMA) AND PANHARD PERSONNEL
CARRIERS, IT POSSIBLE MORE OF THESE WILL BE REQUESTED,
PARTICULARLY HELICOPTERS IN LIGHT OF AIR CAVALRY CONCEPT
AS BEST DETERRENT TO SOMALI THREAT DISCUSSED DURING
RECENT VISIT OF U.S. MILITARY SURVEY TEAM.
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